

The Difference

District Governor's Message



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Hey, y'all! I hope everyone is preparing for Christmas with their families as well as for their club projects. This time of year is more often than not the time when we Rotarians do our best work. Please keep track of how many meals you hand out, how many toys and books you distribute, and all the great service you do for those less fortunate and record it on Rotary Club Central. Getting your kids, family, spouse, and friends involved in your club's Christmas projects helps them to share in that spirit of service and giving and may motivate some to join.

December is disease prevention and treatment month. Don't forget to get flu shots for yourself and your family. Louisiana is already on the map as having high cases of flu! (Please see the CDC's national influenza map on Page 8.) It's here and we need to encourage everyone who can take the shot to do so.

Now is a good time to give to PolioPlus for that final push to rid our world of polio. What better gift can we give someone than the gift of life. From 1,000 cases daily to 15 so far this year is truly remarkable. We need to go from "this close" to "zero" cases this coming year! We are Rotarians! We can do it!

On behalf of the District 6200 Rotary Family, PDG Mike and I wish everyone a very Merry and Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year. Remember, with every good deed, the universe is changed forever! Keep on Making a Difference.

Yours through Rotary: Making a Difference,

Martha

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Disease Prevention and Treatment is one of Rotary's six areas of focus. Rotary supports activities and training that reduce the cause and effect of disease. The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to prevent disease and promote health by:

1. Improving the capacity of local health care professionals;
2. Promoting disease prevention programs, with the goal of limiting the spread of communicable diseases and reducing the incidences of and complications from non-communicable diseases;
3. Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities;
4. Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases;
5. Preventing physical disability resulting from disease or injury; and
6. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to disease prevention and treatment.

DISEASE PREVENTION

1 billion people

suffer from neglected tropical diseases such as dengue fever and leprosy each year.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

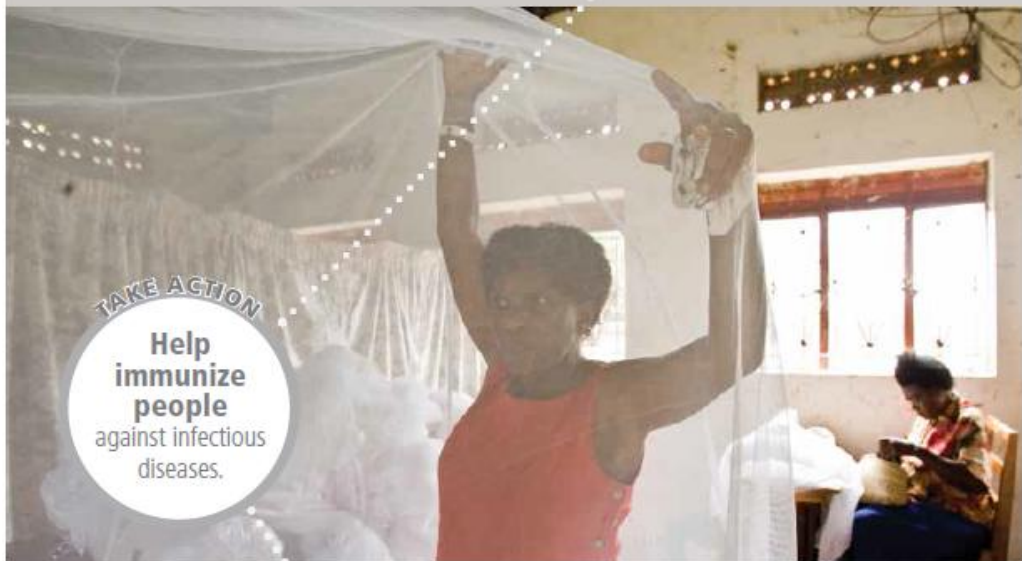
- 1 Consult with Rotary members who have medical or public health expertise.
- 2 Communicate with local and regional hospitals, clinics, universities, and ministries of health to avoid duplicating efforts and to take advantage of local resources.
- 3 Enlist community workers and health and medical volunteers to perform immunizations.
- 4 Partner with successful community-based health care organizations to strengthen and expand existing services.

TAKE ACTION

Support health education programs that explain how diseases are spread, and promote ways to reduce the risk of transmission.

TAKE ACTION

Help immunize people against infectious diseases.



HEALTH CARE

2.4 million doctors,

nurses, midwives, and other skilled caregivers are needed worldwide.

57 countries

have fewer than 23 health workers for every 10,000 people.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1 Work with local health centers to develop programs that attract health workers with a variety of skills. A shortage in a particular skill area can burden health center staff and limit the care available.
- 2 Ensure that training facilities are located where the workforce lives and works in order to improve retention rates.

TAKE ACTION

Support continuing education and training for health workers through scholarships, stipends, and public recognition.



100 million people

are pushed into poverty each year by medical costs.

1 in 6 people

worldwide cannot pay for health care.

TAKE ACTION

Improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underserved areas.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1 Focus on providing long-term support for community health centers.
- 2 Partner with global health systems to increase access to equipment, facilities, and the latest health care programs.
- 3 Incorporate innovative technologies such as mHealth, which can be accessed on mobile wireless devices, to extend the reach of health centers.



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PolioPlus not only taught Rotary a great deal about fighting disease, it also put some valuable systems in place.

When the Ebola virus struck West Africa in 2014, Nigeria used the polio surveillance network to stop the outbreak. Health workers and first responders also use the polio networks to provide vaccines against other diseases and insecticide-treated bed nets to protect against malaria, and to reach affected populations after natural disasters.

From blood banks to cancer-detection centers to health camps in remote areas, Foundation global grant projects are ensuring that thousands of people are living longer and healthier lives.

In Africa, Rotary Foundation funded Family Health Days treated 344,000 people in 2015, many of whom had seldom or never seen a doctor before. The project was conducted at 402 sites in four countries, providing immunizations as well as screenings for tuberculosis, malaria, HIV, hypertension and diabetes. "This was a gift from God," said one patient after receiving free treatment from a doctor at the Uganda site.

\$65 mil

in grants was given by Rotary to fight disease

99.9%

reduction in polio cases since our program started in 1985

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Providing clean water: Rotary has worked with partners to provide more than 80 percent of Ghana's people with clean water to fight Guinea worm disease.

Reducing HIV infection: In Liberia, Rotary members are helping women get tested for HIV early in their pregnancies. They used prenatal care to reduce new HIV infections in children by 95 percent over two years.

Ending polio: Rotary members have played a key role in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but also created a system for tackling myriad other health priorities, such as Ebola.

Rotary Club of Baton Rouge - Capital City



Terry Bell, Ayesha Khurshid, Sheryl McGinnis, Pat Robinson, Vernon Willis, Baton Rouge Mayor Sharon W. Broome, Anselmo Rodriguez, John Staples, and Charles Landreneau



Chinese Friendship Association of Baton Rouge



United Nigerian Women Association in Louisiana

On Sunday, November 5 the Baton Rouge Capital City Rotary hosted it's 4th Annual Global Community Day at BREC Highland Park.

Everyone was invited, especially children, to explore cultural exhibits from around the globe, identify international flags and try ethnic foods. Visitors received a free World Visitor Pass to travel from country to country to learn about different cultures and get the passes stamped.

Members of Baton Rouge's international community, dressed in colorful clothes, performed traditional ethnic dances from around the world. The event was free and open to the public.

Mayor Sharon W. Broome proclaimed November 5 as "Global Community Day."

Performances on stage included the Nepal Dance, Belly Dancers, Chinese Campus Folk Songs, Macarena and Pajaritos (Spain), Chinese Drama, Umu-Nma Dance (Nigeria), Classical Chinese Dance, Chinese Folk Dance Series and lots of Louisiana Reggae, Soul, Funk and Blues from Henry Turner Jr. & Flavor.

Representatives from China, Sudan, Israel, Nigeria, Venezuela, Spain, Turkey, Swaziland, Nepal, Panama, Chad, Uganda, Burundi, Ecuador, Russia, Kenya, Cameroon and Pakistan shared information and performances.



The New Satellite Club of the Rotary Club of Lafayette

The Rotary Club of Lafayette--After Hours, the newest satellite club in the district, inducted its members on November 22 at the Jefferson Street Pub.

Stephen Barker - Chair, Dailey Thibeaux Chair-elect, Alexandar Dardar-Secretary, and Deborah Candella Christopher Leonards and Xavier Dixon are the newest members of the Rotary Club of Lafayette. Thank you to sponsors Jonathan Williams, Renee Menard and Nandi' Shenkan for supporting the After Hours Club.

After Hours members and fellow Rotarians Jonathan Williams, Robin McMillian and Karen Rue started the



Pictured: Jonathan Williams, Debbi Candella, Xavier Dixon, Dailey Thibeaux, Stephen Barker, Nandi' Shenkan, Alex Dardar, Christopher Leonards and Renee Menard



Pictured: Robin McMillian, Karen Rue, Alexandar Dardar and Christopher Leonards

evening out with a project of carving 200 turkeys to be distributed on Thanksgiving. A special thank you to Jonathan Williams for organizing the project and evening and to Todd Citron and Hub City Ford for sponsoring the turkeys. Approximately 175 Thanksgiving meals were prepared, packaged and delivered to Breau Bridge, Scott, Lafayette, Sunset and Grand Coteau. Rotarians Making A Difference!

It was a special night of giving back to the community, growing membership, friends and fellowship, food and great music by the Blue Monday house band and special guest Ray Boudreaux.



Rotary Club of Zachary

(Right) PDG Francis Neziyanya was selected as the 2017 Zachary Citizen of the Year. Congratulations Francis!



Secretary Lisa Rioux and President Jennifer Boyd

(Left) The Zachary Rotary Club was able to transfer club points to Lisa Rioux, long time secretary for the Zachary Rotary Club, making her eligible to become a Paul Harris Fellow. Lisa has served as secretary of the club since the early 1980's and contributes both time and talent to the betterment of the Zachary Rotary Club. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition

acknowledges individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.



PDG Francis Neziyanya

Rotary Club of Beauregard-Vernon Sunrise



The Beauregard-Vernon Sunrise Rotary Club has completed its 11th year of providing dictionaries to third grade students at 13 schools.

Since the project started, well over 7,000 dictionaries have been provided to all schools in Beauregard Parish, three schools in Vernon Parish and three church schools in Newton, Texas. A number of these schools are located in rural areas and do not come in contact with Rotary clubs that normally are located in a city.

One meeting a year is dedicated to placing a copy of the the 4-Way Test inside the cover of each dictionary where the child can write his or her name.

The yearly need for the dictionaries has increased to over 700 in 2017.



The Rotary Club of Welsh



On November 5, the Welsh Rotary Club enjoyed fellowship and fun at their hamburger fundraiser that netted approximately \$2,900.

The funds will help finish putting American flags at all cemeteries on 20 foot poles and down the main avenue in town. The money will also help fund local school projects.



Did You Know?

Did you know that almost 19,000 visitors to Rotary.org have expressed interest in joining Rotary since July 2016? Rotary staff alerts districts to these prospects through the Membership Leads page on My Rotary, and districts, in turn, assign them to clubs.

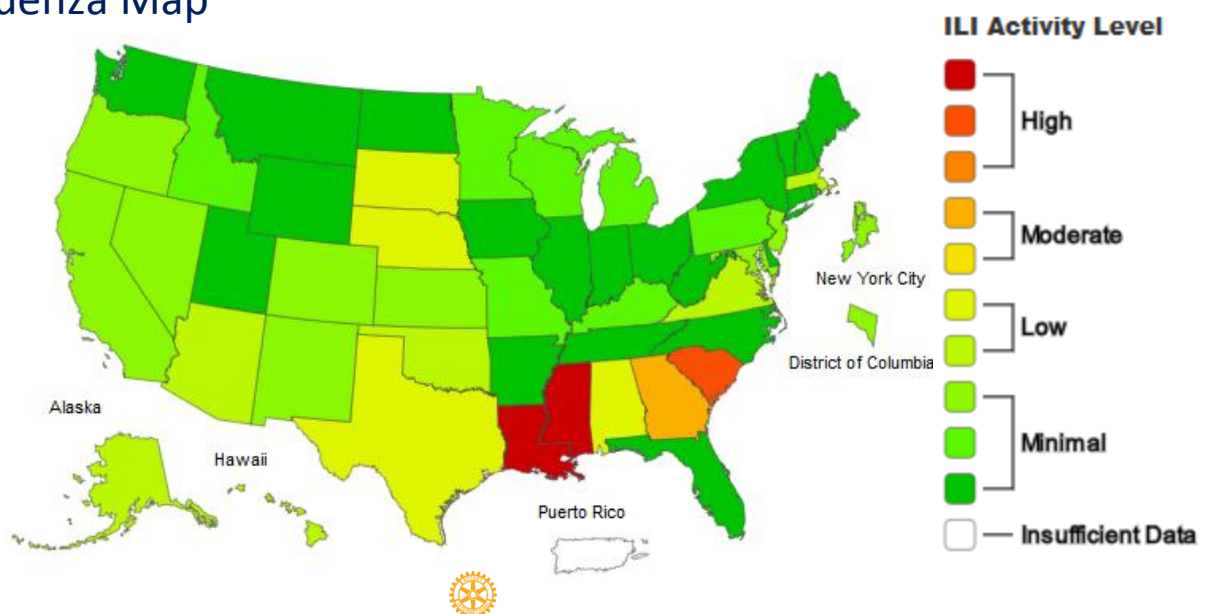
By asking about joining, these aspiring members are telling us that Rotary offers a unique experience and that they want to learn more. Are we doing everything we can to engage with them and ensure that their experience with Rotary is positive?



National Influenza Map

Source: CDC

["2017-18
Influenza
Season Week
47 ending
November 25,
2017"](#)





The Rotary Leadership Institute is Back

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a three part program that gives club members an accelerated way to understand and appreciate the way Rotary works. RLI is available to all Rotarians, but is very helpful in educating new Rotary members who want to get more involved in their clubs.

The next two sessions will be in Lafayette at the Rotary District 6200 Office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.:

- RLI Part II : January 13, 2018
- RLI Part III : February 3, 2018



Please register on line at www.hoa-rli.org. Please note that the three parts do not have to be taken in order.

RLI will continue to offer leadership training throughout the district during DG Martha Collins' year and beyond.

PRICE CHANGE: The price for each training session has been reduced to \$ 50.00 per person. Take advantage of this discounted price and ask if your club would consider reimbursing you for your training.

For more information contact Mark Lee at mark@coastalvolute.com or Richard "Big Rich" Churchman at toothxpirt@aol.com.



Membership Webinar



Part III of the Membership Matters! Webinar Series:

Simple Steps to Innovate Your Club:

1. Rethink your Club's Meetings
2. Update your Club's Appearance
3. Foster Fellowship in your Club.

To view the webinar, please click [here](#). For more Membership Matters! webinars or to view slides for each session follow the "Rotary Membership Resources" channel on [vimeo.com](https://www.vimeo.com).

To find out **10 tips** to attract and retain quality members, click [here](#). To take a course on topics related to membership, log in to [My Rotary](#) then click [here](#).



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Humor

Boudreaux and Thibodeaux are working on a ranch. They have just lost the bull. They need to buy another, but only have \$500 between them. Boudreaux tells Thibodeaux, "I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under that amount. If I can, I will send you a telegram." He goes to the market and finds one for \$499. Having only one dollar left, he goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. He is stumped on how to tell Thibodeaux to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, he tells the telegraph operator to send the word "comfortable." Skeptical, the operator asks, "How will he know to come with the trailer from just that word?" Boudreaux replies, "he reads slow: 'Come for ta bull.'"



Upcoming Events:

<u>City</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Golden Meadow	Governor's Visit	Thursday - Dec. 7
Lafayette	Rotary Leadership Institute (Part II)	Saturday - January 13
Lafayette	District 6200 Mid-Year Assembly	Saturday - January 27
Lafayette	Rotary Leadership Institute (Part III)	Saturday - February 3
Natchez	Ole Man River PETS	March 8 - 10, 2018
Golden Meadow	District 6200 Conference	April 19 - 22



Request for Newsletter Articles

We are looking for articles that relate to the monthly Rotary themes below. We would also like to share club successes with Rotarians in our district. If you have a special event, major donor award, club anniversary or fundraiser coming up or if you have completed a membership drive or a project that you think other clubs would be interested in, please submit articles, with photographs (with those in the picture identified), to Ginger Vann at gavanns@yahoo.com. The deadline for receipt of articles is the 25th of each month.

Upcoming Newsletter Themes:

January:	Vocational Service
February:	Peace and Conflict Resolution
March:	Water and Sanitation Month



W.H.O. Wild Polio Virus Update:

<u>Country</u>	<u>2017 Year-to-Date</u>	<u>2016 Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Total 2016</u>
Afghanistan:	11	12	13
Pakistan:	5	17	20
Nigeria:	0	4	4



- New on polioeradication.org: Read why [trains are the new setting for polio eradication in Pakistan](#) and how [serosurveys map child immunity in Afghanistan](#).
- On the 14 November, the 15th IHR Emergency Committee convened to review the risk of international spread of poliovirus. [The committee agreed that the risk of international spread of poliovirus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern \(PHEIC\)](#), and recommended the extension of revised Temporary Recommendations for a further three months.
- To mark World Children's Day, we reported on how the [polio eradication program helps deliver a bright future to children in Nigeria](#).
- Summary of newly-reported viruses this week: [Afghanistan](#): One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case has been reported, from Muhmand-Dara district, Nangarhar province. The case had onset of paralysis on 5 November. [Pakistan](#): One new WPV1 positive environmental sample, collected from Sindh province. The next round of sub-national immunization days are planned for the second half of December 2017. [Syria](#): Seven new circulating vaccine derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) cases reported, all from Deir Ez-Zor governorate.
- [Nigeria](#) continues to implement an emergency response to the detected WPV1 strain and circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) strains affecting the country (last detected in 2016). Detection of polio cases in Nigeria underscores the risk posed by low-level undetected transmission. As part of the emergency response, subnational surveillance continues to be strengthened.
- The detection of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) (Borno state, Nigeria in 2016) and circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) (Borno and Sokoto states in 2016) continue to pose a risk to the neighboring countries of the Lake Chad basin.
- Seven new circulating vaccine derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) cases reported in the [Middle East](#), four from Mayadeen and three from Boukamal districts, Deir Ez-Zor governorate. The total number of cVDPV2 cases is now 70. The most recent confirmed case by date of paralysis onset is 9 September 2017.



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